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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any system to ensure that the rules and guidelines are followed by sports associations which have become the apex bodies representing the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which rules are being applied to all such associations;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to review the existing guidelines and put in place a more efficient and modern system of rules which will guide all such bodies so that the nation`s youth will benefit and perceive them as fair and reliable; and

(d) the steps proposed to study and review such existing linkages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Promotion of a sport is, primarily, the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) which are bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act and autonomous in their functioning. Their management is governed by their respective constitutions. However, the Government supplements their efforts by providing financial assistance for various sports activities conducted by them under its various schemes. Since sports is in the `State List` of the Constitution of India, the Central Government has no powers to legislate on any sports matter, including the regulation of the functioning of the NSFs. This Ministry, however, has formulated certain guidelines, to govern release of financial assistance to NSFs for participation ofteams in national/international tournaments, purchase of sports equipment and other related sports activities. The NSFs are by and large following these guidelines except that some NSFs are not strictly following the guideline restricting the tenure of their office bearers.

(c) & (d) :The existing guidelines are under consideration for revision.